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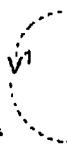
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REMARKS

Please amend the present application as set forth in the Sections above entitled "Amendment to the Claims". In this preliminary amendment, the Applicants have canceled claim 44. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-43 and 45-47 will be pending as originally filed.

A Notice of Allowance was mailed in this application on June 6, 2006; as a first action on the merits. In response, Applicants herewith submit this Preliminary Amendment, an Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant, and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

In reviewing the allowed claims, Applicant noted that allowed claim 44, lacks the

definition for the group "  " of Formula IIA depicted in the claim. Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled this claim.

Furthermore, Applicants have resubmitted the US patent NO. 6,964,983 reference of record as part of the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith. The description of Formula I of this reference is provided, for example, on the first paragraph under SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION of the reference. Reconsideration of the present claims in view of the entirety of this reference, including the description of Formula I, and further in view of the Information Disclosure Statements submitted to date, is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the present amendment, the Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

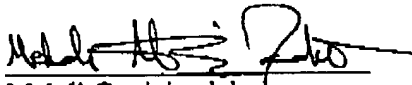
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If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 734-622-3831.

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